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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1   1.   (Currently amended) A method comprising:

2   setting up a first part of a multi-media call utilizing packet-switched resources on

3   a communication network;

4   setting up a second part of the multi-media call utilizing circuit-switched

5   resources on the communication network;

6   wherein call control for the multi-media call is handled by a single point of control,

7   and wherein said single point of control reallocates packet-switched resources and

8   circuit-switched resources for the multi-media call, and said single point of control

9   allocates packet-switched resources and circuit-switched resources Independently for

10   different parts of the multi-media call.

1   2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of

2   automatically assigning a part of the multi-media call to at least one of a packet-

3   switched resource and a circuit-switched resource based on at least one of bandwidth,

4   quality of service request, and real-time requirement for the part of the multi-media call.

1   3.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of setting

2   up a third part of the multi-media call without affecting the resources allocated to the first

3   part of a multi-media call and the second part of the multi-media call.

1   4.   (Canceled)

1   5.   (Original)   A computer-readable signal-bearing medium comprising

2   computer readable program code that performs the steps of claim 1.

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1   6.   (Currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:

2   receiving a request from a user for a call comprised of one or more resources;

3   allocating the one or more resources among packet-switched resources and

4   circuit-switched resources associated with a communication network to set up the call;

5   wherein call control for the call is handled by a single point of control, and

6   wherein said single point of control reallocates the one or more resources for the call,

7   and said single point of control allocates the one or more resources independently for

8   different parts of the call.

1   7.   (Original)   The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of

2   receiving a request for an additional resource for the call.

1   8.   (Original)   The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

2   determining whether resources as requested by the user are available for the

3   call;

4   when resources as requested by the user are not available for the call, offering to

5   the user resources different that the resources requested by the user.

1   9.   (Original)   The method of claim 8, wherein the resources requested by

2   the user are circuit-switched resources and the resources offered to the user are

3   packet-switched resources.

1   10.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the resources requested by the

2   user are packet-switched resources and the resources offered to the user are circuit-

3   switched resources.

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1   11.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the resources are offered to the

2   user by at least one of quality of service, bandwidth, and real-time vs. non-real time.

1   12.   (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the call is a multi-media call.

1   13.   (Original)   A computer-readable signal-bearing medium comprising

2   computer readable program code that performs the steps of claim 6.

1   14.   (Original) A method comprising the steps of:

2   initiating a call with a first party over a communication network;

3   requesting at least one resource for the call according to at least one call

4   characteristic, wherein the at least one resource is at least one of a plurality of circuit-

5   switched resources and packet-switched resources, and wherein call control for the call

6   is handled by a single point of control, and wherein said single point of control

7   reallocates the at least one resource for the call, and said single point of control

8   allocates the at least one resource independently for different parts of the call.

1   15.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of

2   requesting resources in the call to add a second party to the call.

1   16.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, wherein the call comprises any

2   combination of voice, video, and data.

1   17.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of

2   selecting at least one characteristic by which the at least one resource is requested.

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1   18.   (Original)   The method of claim 17, wherein the at least one characteristic

2   comprises at least one of bandwidth, quality of service, and real-time transmission

3   needs.

1   19.   (Original)   A computer-readable signal-bearing medium comprising

2   computer readable program code that performs the steps of claim 14.

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